THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 7th March 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

District Educational Officers

* 50 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Ranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts of District Educational Officers that remained vacant during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 and the reasons therefor; and

(*b*) whether the schools in the districts were inspected during these years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Three posts of District Educational Officers were vacant for some time during 1955-56 and two posts for some time during 1956-57 consequent on the transfers of officers to other posts and the extension of leave by another officer.

(*b*) In 1955-56, in two of the three districts where the posts of District Educational Officers were vacant for some time, all the schools were inspected. In other cases, not all, but some of the schools were inspected.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are these posts filled up by direct recruitment or by promotion from subordinate ranks?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Both methods are adopted.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is any percentage reserved for B. T. Assistants working in aided institutions in these posts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is recruitment from the teaching personnel in aided institutions also.

Foodgrains

* 51 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure followed in the sale of foodgrains through the Fair Price Shops in the State;

(*b*) the average quantity of rice sold during the months of November and December 1957;